



ST MICHAEL'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
HIGHGATE

# Weekly Roundup Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Fran Sorapure  
Head of School

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Executive Headteacher

## Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Bocelli Class who led a wonderful assembly on the UNICEF Rights of the Child and how this is played out in our everyday interactions at school, and we look forward to seeing Glennie class next Friday.

Also, next week Mrs Parker will be meeting parents to help them navigate the journey choosing the right secondary plus we have the first of our meetings about the restorative justice strategies on Monday at 9:30 am for those parents not able to make the evening session.

Mr Davenport is arranging the Harvest Festival and he will be writing to you soon all explaining what the children could bring into school on Thursday 13th October.

A special thank you to the Gardening Angels who have volunteered to help me in the Peace Garden.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Fran Sorapure**



## Stars of the Week

Going Above And Beyond



**Year 2**  
Poppy &  
Zach

**Year 4**  
Miles,  
Atrina &  
Rosa

**Year 6**  
Albert &  
Amyas

**Year 1**  
Lilly &  
Ananth

**Year 3**  
Ella, Isaac  
& Rosa

**Year 5**  
Aarez &  
Anna

# Attendance Matters



Our aim is to help all children have excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. Good school attendance improves children's chance of achieving their full potential, socially, emotionally and academically.

For the Juniors, the day starts with a 'soft start' which has a positive impact on children's readiness for learning at the start of the school day. They go straight to class where they have the opportunity to organise themselves, as well as enjoy fun daily activities set by the teacher along with an emotional check-in and time to talk. The register is taken at 9:00am and the children go to collective worship led by different staff members and the clergy each day.

**Attendance:** To avoid any unauthorised absences, please contact the school if your child is unwell, if we do not hear from you it will be marked as unauthorised. The admin team try their best remind parents, but your help in this would be much appreciated.

Exceptional leave requests are considered, but schools do not authorise holidays taken in term time. Leave may be granted by using the [Exceptional Leave Request Form](#). This should be given **ten days** in advance with an explanation of why the absence is exceptional and unavoidable. You will be notified of the Head of School's decision via email.

What the figures stack up to by the end of the year

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>  WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	
<b>BE SMART BE THERE!</b>			
<small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>			

# *Haringey Girls' Football Tournament*

St Michael's girls' team went to the Haringey Y5-6 girls' football tournament on the 30th September. The girls won 4 matches and lost 1 match which was an incredible performance. The line-up consisted of Srna, Mathilda, Mabli, Annie, Alex, Darcy, Eleanor, Orla, Elise and Inés. It was set at St Thomas More Catholic School on huge AstroTurf fields. The effort was amazing and they achieved a great result at the end, but sadly they did not get through to the semi-finals. We interviewed the team below. Good job girls!

Mabli said, "We had very strong defence: Darcy, Mathilda, Ellie and Elise. Darcy scored top bins from the halfway line on the second game. Incredible! Orla was great in midfield and Alex too. I was proud of my performance also."

Ines was our amazing goalkeeper. She said, "We could've smashed the winning team but bad luck got us. I did well in goal I think but the ball barely got near me. Our defence kicked it away every time."



**We also interviewed Orla in Year 5 who was our star player.**

Mina: "Who did you go with?"

Orla: "Mr Ronchetti, Miss Hawkins and at the end Darcy's Dad and Grandparents."

Mina: "How many players on the teams?"

Orla: "6 a side"

Mina: "When was it?"

Orla: "Friday the 30th of September"

Mina: "We knew you got invited but did you have any doubts?"

Orla: "No, I always wanted to go to the football, it was great."



**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, St. Michael's will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. We are looking for donations we can send to the local food bank.**

Please send in your donations with the children, and we will store the items in the year group quiet rooms. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Harvest Festival is a traditional way to mark the gathering of crops. In the UK, the harvest is usually celebrated in October - by sharing food as well as giving thanks.

If you are able to do so, please donate an item or two to the foodbank collection - here are some suggestions:

- Canned veggie meals (curry / stew, etc.)
- Canned chicken casserole / Fray Bentos / meatballs / tuna
- Tinned fruit, veg, and pulses
- Rice (max 500g bags)
- Noodles
- Breakfast cereal (Weetabix, porridge, etc)
- UHT milk
- Spreads & sauces - jam, mayo, ketchup
- Lunchbox snacks
- Instant coffee / hot chocolate
- Cooking oil (1 litre)
- Soap / shampoo
- Laundry tabs
- Kitchen / bathroom / general purpose cleaning spray
- Financial donations are also welcome if you prefer



# House Points & Attendance

## Class House Point Winners

KS1 Sherman 242

LKS2 Deutscher 153

UPKS2 Glennie 210

## House Winner

St Andrew  
436



Whole school Attendance **97.3%**



Class with the best attendance  
**Jones** class at **99.6%**

# Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Restorative Justice Information Meeting, 9:30am, Science Room Y6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Mrs Parker
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Mrs Parker
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Y6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Mrs Parker
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Assembly - Y6 Glennie Class, 9am

School vision

**We believe our children's future is created every day. Every moment counts.**

Brought to life through our mission

**To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.**

Underpinned by our values

**Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Val Doulton, a St Michael's School governor, is staging Coleridge's wonderful poem 'The Ancient Mariner' at St. Michael's Church at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm on Saturday October 22nd.

Coleridge envisaged his audience listening like 'a three years' child', so it is potentially a wonderful experience for your child to listen to and watch. The poem begins with a wedding, and Val is looking for 6 children who would like to take part as bridesmaids and page boys following the bride down the aisle.

You can contact Val if your child would like to do this on [info@theliveliteraturecompany.co.uk](mailto:info@theliveliteraturecompany.co.uk) and you can book tickets for a performance on [www.ticketsource.co.uk/theliveliteraturecompany](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theliveliteraturecompany)

***Celebration for Coleridge's 250th Birth Anniversary***

THE  
***Live Literature***  
PERFORMANCE COMPANY



presents

***The Ancient Mariner***  
by Samuel Taylor Coleridge



**Performed by Sam Fairbrother & Richard Hansell**  
**Directed by Valerie Doulton**

**Saturday 22nd October 2022**  
**Matinee: 3.00pm Evening performance: 7.00pm**

**St. Michael's Church,**  
**Highgate Village, London N6 6BJ**

**Performance suitable for all ages**  
**Tickets £6.00 each. Buy on the door or book online at:**  
**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/theliveliteraturecompany](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theliveliteraturecompany)**

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## Tekne Gymnastics October Half Term Camp

We are really excited to be able to offer our gymnastics camp during the October half term from October 24th - 28th at Haverstock School from 9.30am - 1.30pm each day.

Bookings can be made at the following link <https://tekne-gym.class4kids.co.uk/camps>, please ensure you book your child into the correct age group, based on the school year your child attends. Only gymnasts who attend Squad classes either at Tekne or equivalent at their school/club should book into the Squad Pod.

Our coaches will sort gymnasts into groups at the camp as we previously did before the pandemic.

Please contact me on 07972 591077 or by email at [susi@teknegymnastics.com](mailto:susi@teknegymnastics.com) should you have any queries on this.

Kindly provide drinks and light snacks as we will have 2 longer breaks during the sessions for snacks only. All snacks must be **NUT FREE**.

We are working to meticulously plan this camp to be as safe and secure as possible for all gymnasts, parents/carers and coaches.

Please note that if you choose to use the Stripe payment option on the booking system, there is an additional platform fee. Bank details for a bank transfer with no additional charges are accessible in the additional payment options section.

For insurance purposes, we are unable to take children under the age of 3 years old. Please also note that all children who attend our camps must be fully toilet trained.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Regards,

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24th - 28th October 2022

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## OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP 2022

- Multi-Activity Camp
- Sports and Nerf sessions
- Drama games, Art Workshops
- Football Sessions
- OFSTED Registered Provider
- Weekly Specialists
- £40 per day
- £200 per week

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# ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

24th - 28th October 2022



### CAMPS

Multi-activity Camp | 4 to 12 year-olds

- 🏐 Nerf Guns, skateboarding, yoga and more weekly specialists!
- 🏐 All activity leaders are DBS checked
- 🏐 Choice of activities  
Football, tennis and cricket

### DATES and TIMES

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

Normal day 09:00 - 15:30 | Extended Day 08:30 - 17:30

### PRICES

One Day | £40 One Week | £200 Extended Day | £8 extra per day

\*10% discount for St Michael's students with code 'STMICHAELS10'

\*Pay with childcare vouchers

### BOOKINGS

02078460253

Activedaycamps.com | Enquiries@activedaycamps.com

